

## The High Sierra Barker

**2021 Spring Newsletter** 

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When we think of all the people who found comfort in their canine companions this year, we can't help but smile. Over 150 dogs were adopted since we closed our doors to the public last April. Our staff and board members carried on with one simple mission in mind and our adopters and supporters helped us every step of the way. We are so touched by the profound kindness and generosity that has been shown to our organization as a whole. You have made it possible for us to care for longer stay dogs, multiple litters of puppies, and those with medical issues. Though there is still a lot of uncertainty, we know that with your help we can make it through even the most difficult times. We are hopeful that our boarding reservations will continue to increase and that we may even be able to host an in person event or two toward the end of the warmer months. We are so grateful for all of you and wish you happiness and health, now and always. *Thank you!* 



## Your love for homeless dogs heals hearts...and hips!

Jezzy has been a staff, volunteer, and veterinarian favorite since October of 2019. Sadly, her first adoption didn't turn out as we had hoped and she was brought back after a few months. When Jezzy was adopted for the second time, it became apparent that she was experiencing some pain after their daily walks. Upon her return, our Shelter Manager, Ben, immediately started to put together a plan for her health. When a dog is in need of rehabilitation or a high risk surgery, we always turn to Sierra Veterinary Specialists in Reno. As Jezzy was busy schmoozing with the staff at SVS, we were told that moderate to severe hip dysplasia was to blame for her soreness. Fortunately, they didn't think that surgery was necessary and we decided to move forward with a less invasive treatment. Two incredible supporters read about her diagnosis and chose to cover the costs of her appointments at SVS. We immediately began underwater therapy sessions, daily rehab exercises with our techs and

volunteers, and Adequan shots to help reduce inflammation and renew joint function. SVS recently noted that Jezzy has increased range of mobility and they were very pleased to see that she was bearing weight on all four paws.

Now that Jezzy's health is in tip top shape, it's time for us to find her the forever home she's always wanted. Her diagnosis means that intense exercise is off the table. She only requires daily therapy at home(15-25 minutes), a short walk, and some yard time to herself. SVS is willing to speak with her adopter about her health and how to best manage it. We do not suggest a home with young kids, other dogs or cats. Jez has spent overnights with volunteers and even stayed with Sandy, one of our foster parents, for nearly two months. While in Sandy's home, Jez was a

very polite houseguest and she even learned how to walk calmly with a gentle leader. She loves to go for car rides, snooze on the couch and play games that keep her mind active. So many individuals are to thank for her incredible transformation during her stay at our rescue. Our staff members have provided her with daily care and love. Board members have driven her to and from vet appointments. Volunteers have given her a home and kept up with her therapy. Our supporters (especially our Guardians) have helped us cover the costs of her long term care. Please share her story with your friends and loved ones and help us find Jezzy a wonderful home.



## Will you join me in supporting our dogs with a monthly gift?

When a group of dogs arrive and we watch them unload one by one, there is an equal amount of relief and sadness in our hearts. We so badly want to be able to tell them, "You are safe, you are loved, and everything will be alright". More often than not, they are reluctant to trust us and have a hard time feeling comfortable right away. Each is a complex and deserving individual who knows how painful it is to lose everything all at once. When I look at my own HSAR dog, I can see her scars and the worries that were instilled in her during her first nine months. It has been a wildly important part of my life to help her heal, it may even be the most important thing that I've done so far. I'm a Guardian of HSAR because there are thousands of dogs just like her who deserve better.



I hope that you will join me in making a monthly donation to HSAR as we continue to be a voice and safe haven for these wonderful animals. Their only wish is to share love and to be loved in return. With your help we can make it to our monthly giving goal. To sign up online today, go to highsierraanimalrescue.org, click the orange "Donate" button and select your donation amount and frequency. You are also welcome to send a check or create a recurring donation through your bank of choice. ~Abigail Birnbryer, Marketing and Fundraising Manager of HSAR.

Business Guardians - Our rescue is reaching out to local businesses to see if they would like to support our rescue efforts with a monthly or quarterly donation. Every donation is tax deductible and each business that signs up will be listed on our website and mentioned in social media posts, newspaper articles, newsletters, and emails. You are welcome to read more about Business Guardianship on our website. We are extremely thankful for the following businesses that have already signed up: Gumba's Family Pizza, Clio's River Edge RV Park, Millies IceCream & Coffee Co., Briar Patch, Feather Financial, Cal-Sierra Title Company, Graeagle Store and Jayce Coziar Real Estate.



**Events**- Run for Rescues Virtual Run/Walk/Bike: June 5th– June 27th Participants are challenged to complete 22-plus miles to celebrate HSAR's 22 years in operation. This is an excellent chance to get outside and get active with family, friends and, of course, your dogs.

Read more about this event on our website and purchase your tickets online. There are several prize categories that you can be entered into once you've completed your challenge!

Please stay tuned for information regarding Pints for Pups, Paws on Parade, and Duffers for Dogs!

**Amazon Smile-** Our Amazon Smile donations doubled since the last quarter and we are thrilled. It is our hope that this will be a consistent and reliable form of fundraising to help our rescue dogs. If you have already designated HSAR as your preferred charity, we would like to take a moment to say thank you! If you have yet to do so, please read on. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to High Sierra Animal Rescue at **no cost to you!** Simply log in or make an account at smile.amazon.com.

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